



## **Maryland Homefront: Disabled Veterans Mortgage Program FACT SHEET**

**PURPOSE:** To help disabled military veteran homebuyers to purchase a home by offering a lower-than-market interest rate.

**DURATION:** Starting 3/26/2014, the program will continue through 5/30/2014.

**DOWNPAYMENT AND CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE:**

\$5,000 in Down Payment Assistance (DPA) from the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) in the form of a zero percent deferred loan. This can be combined with funds from applicable MMP Partner Match programs and available assistance from local jurisdictions.

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** Anywhere in the State of Maryland.

**INTEREST RATES:**

- The interest rate is 3% for conventional and government insured loans. Rates are updated daily on the MMP website at <http://mmp.maryland.gov/Lenders/Pages/Interest-Rates.aspx>.

**ELIGIBLE MD HOMEFRONT DISABLED VETERAN BORROWERS:**

- The program is open to honorably discharged disabled veterans. Veteran status will be confirmed by submission of a Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty form (DD-214). Qualification for a VA loan is not required.  
Disabled Veteran Status will be confirmed by the Benefits Summary Letter provided to the Lender by registering at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>. Within 24 hours of registration, the Borrower will receive a letter stating that they have a service connected disability. For purposes of this Program, a disabled veteran is defined as one with a 30% or greater disability. If the Borrower does not have internet access, the above Disabled Military Veteran letter can be obtained in person from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Must qualify for a Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) loan, i.e. credit score, income limitations, etc. All Borrowers must take approved homebuyer education and utilize an approved lender. For more information on general MMP requirements, go online to <http://mmp.maryland.gov/Lenders/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx> or browse the MMP website at [mmp.maryland.gov](http://mmp.maryland.gov).

**FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER REQUIREMENT:**

While MMP loans generally are limited to first-time homebuyers, the requirement is waived if:

- Borrower is purchasing in a targeted area (see <http://mmp.maryland.gov/Pages/Targeted-Areas.aspx> for more information on targeted areas);
- It has been more than three years since Borrower has owned a principal residence; or
- Borrower is an honorably discharged veteran who has not previously used the first-time homebuyer exemption. This is in accordance with the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008, as amended. A DD-214 form must be submitted to document veteran status, and a Veteran First Time Homebuyer Exemption form (Attachment V) must be completed.